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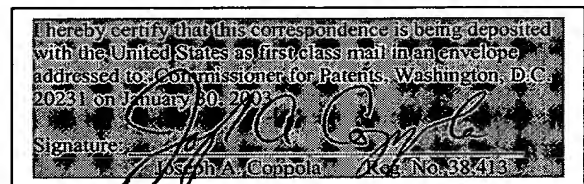
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APPLICANT : THORSON et al.
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FOR : **MOLECULAR BREAK LIGHTS PROBES FOR
DETECTING NUCLEOTIDE CLEAVAGE**
EXAMINER: To be assigned
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

SIR:

Prior to action on the merits, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Enclosed herewith are new Figures 1-8 as well as an Information Disclosure Statement.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 11, delete the paragraph at lines 7-12, that refers to Figure 5.

Please amend the specification by replacing the following paragraphs as indicated:

At page 11, the paragraph beginning on line 13:

Figure 5. Cleavage of break light A by Fe^{+2} -dependent agents. (a) The observed DNA cleavage over time of an assay containing a constant 3.2 nM break light A at 37 °C (50 mM sodium phosphate, 2.5 mM ascorbate, pH 7.5; λ_{Ex} = 485 nm,

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